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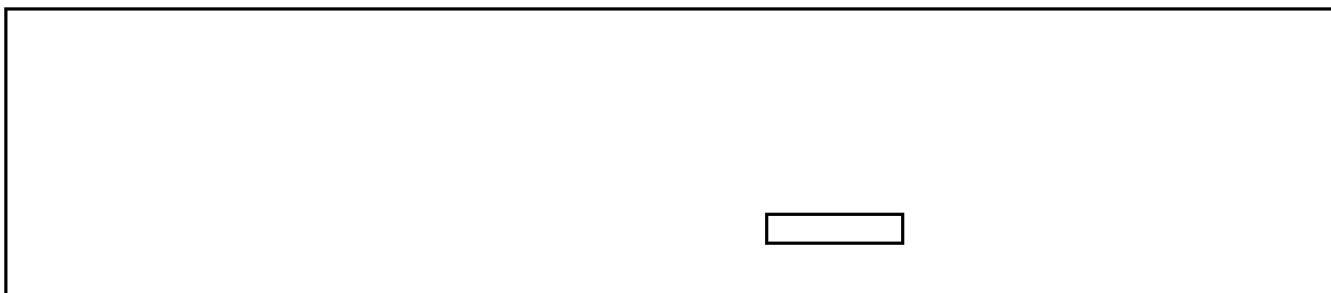
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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/NI

FROM : NIO/AF

SUBJECT : Presidential Priorities and Estimative Work

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3. Thoughts on a General Approach re Presidential Priorities: It seems to us the simplest and most helpful approach, both to give the President a feeling of what we are up to and to elicit from him some statement of his intelligence concerns as he sees them, would be for the DCI to apprise the President periodically of the major work we have underway and immediately in view, and to tell him frankly that if he has specific work he feels he needs from us we need to know as soon as possible so that our approach can be considered and imaginative rather than crash and burn. The DCI need not review the whole menu at one sitting; it would be more effective, we think, if he discussed pieces of it, and tied his discussion wherever possible to some current development of concern.



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